

**AMENDMENT TO THE RULES COMMITTEE PRINT
FOR H.R. 1735
OFFERED BY MR. PIERLUISI OF PUERTO RICO**

Page 76, after line 5, insert the following:

1 **SEC. 325. PERFORMANCE OF FIREFIGHTING AND SECU-**
2 **RITY-GUARD FUNCTIONS AT ROTH R SITE,**
3 **VIEQUES ISLAND, PUERTO RICO.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the Sense of Con-
5 gress that—

6 (1) the nature of, and operations at, the
7 Relocatable Over-the-Horizon Radar (ROTHR) facil-
8 ity on the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico is, or is the
9 functional equivalent of, a Government-owned but
10 privately operated installation, otherwise commonly
11 referred to in Federal acquisition regulations as a
12 Government-owned, contractor operated installation;

13 (2) the exception to the prohibition on contracts
14 for performance of firefighting and security-guard
15 functions provided by paragraph (2), subsection (b),
16 section 2465, title 10, United States Code, for con-
17 tracts to be carried out on a Government-owned but
18 privately operated installation applies to the

1 ROTHHR facility on the island of Vieques, Puerto
2 Rico;

3 (3) the Department of the Navy should make
4 every reasonable effort to hire local residents of
5 Vieques for employment at the ROTHHR facility on
6 the island, including for security-guard functions
7 that the Department may require at the facility; and

8 (4) in the event that the Department of the
9 Navy elects to convert performance of security-guard
10 functions at the Vieques ROTHHR facility from con-
11 tract positions to federal civilian positions, the De-
12 partment should avail itself of all authorities and
13 discretion to hire qualified residents of Vieques who
14 have performed those same functions at the facility
15 as contract employees.

16 (b) EXPRESS AUTHORITY TO CONTRACT.—The Sec-
17 retary of the Navy may enter into a contract for the per-
18 formance of firefighting and security-guard functions at
19 the Relocatable Over-the-Horizon Radar (ROTHR) site on
20 the island of Vieques, Puerto Rico.

21 (c) INAPPLICABILITY OF LIMITATION ON USE OF
22 FUNDS.—Section 2465 of title 10, United States Code,
23 shall not apply with respect to the authority provided in
24 subsection (b).

